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Note verbale dated 14 January 2002 from the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (secretariat of the Commission on Human Rights), and has the honour to enclose herewith the following document which has been endorsed by the Ninth Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) which took place in Khartoum, on 10 and 11 January 2002, and upon the instructions from the Government of the Republic of the Sudan as Chairman of the IGAD Summit, the Permanent Mission hereby requests the High Commissioner to circulate that document as an official document of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights under agenda item 10 entitled "Economic, social and cultural rights": "Communiqué of the 9th IGAD Summit of Heads of State and Government".*

* Reproduced in the annex as received, in the language of submission only.

Annex

COMMUNIQUE

OF THE 9th IGAD SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

The Heads of State and Government of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the Republic of Djibouti, the State of Eritrea, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Somalia, the Republic of the Sudan and the Republic of Uganda met in Khartoum from 10th to 11th January 2002 under the Chairmanship of H.E. Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan.

The Heads of State and Government have renewed their commitment to the basic principles and rules enshrined in the Agreement Establishing Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) which calls for economic cooperation, regional integration, enhancing and promoting peace and stability and the peaceful resolution of conflicts in the Region.

The Heads of State and Government, following intensive deliberations on the ways and means of strengthening integration in the economic, political, social and humanitarian fields,

Agreed upon the following:

Political matters

- **Reaffirmed** their commitment to create a political atmosphere conducive to mitigate conflicts and help build peace and stability, thus paving the way for realising the objectives of development, integration and prosperity in the region.

- **Reiterated** their full adherence to the UN and OAU resolutions condemning all forms of international terrorism and expressed their resolve to work for the preservation of the rights of the people of the IGAD region to live in peace, and stability. They condemned the terrorist acts carried out on the 11th September 2001 in the United States of America and renewed condemnation of the terrorist attacks in Nairobi and Dar-es-Salaam as well as other terrorist attacks in the region. They further decided to be seized with the matter.

- **Welcomed** the signing of the protocol on the establishment of conflict early warning and response mechanism (CEWARN) and the positive response from the member states. In this regard, they praised the political commitment of the signatory Member States which reflect their resolve to provide for an atmosphere of peace and stability in the region and resorting to dialogue in order to settle disputes and conflicts.

- **Expressed** concern about the momentum on the IGAD peace process and urged the parties to move expeditiously towards a peace settlement of the conflict. The leaders appealed to the parties to reach a comprehensive cease-fire with the view to end the human sufferings, build confidence and create a conducive atmosphere for constructive negotiation. They took note of the report presented by H.E Daniel Arap Moi, President of the Republic of Kenya and Chairman of IGAD sub-committee on Sudan as well as the report presented by the Government of the Sudan. They called upon the Chairman of the IGAD Committee on Sudan to rejuvenate the IGAD Peace Process and invite other initiatives with a view to coordinate the efforts.

- **Adopted** a separate resolution on the Somalia Peace Process

Regional Economic Cooperation matters

- **Renewed** their commitment to work for the realisation of the aspirations of the people of the region in promoting regional integration and unity, and to join efforts in dealing with the challenges of underdevelopment, to eradicate poverty, hunger, illiteracy and disease.

- **Endorsed** the establishment of appropriate ministerial sectoral committees, initiated by Sudan, with the mandate to follow implementation of recommendations and decisions of IGAD Policy Organs.

- **Commended** the IPF members that have been supporting IGAD programmes, and they called upon the IGAD Partners to contribute more generously to promoting projects and programs, The Summit expressed its concern with the selectivity policy of donors in financing regional projects due to the negative impact of such a policy on regional cooperation and integration efforts. The Summit instructed the Secretariat to broaden the membership of the IPF and organize a high-level round table consultation aimed at revitalizing and strengthening the IGAD/IPF relationship and enhance commitments in funding projects and programmes.

- **Aware** of the fact that enormous financial resources are required to finance regional development projects and programs, and the difficulties in attracting the necessary funds, urged the Secretariat to conduct a study on the mechanism of creating an IGAD Special Fund to that end.

- **Recommended** the establishment of a private sector forum and other non-state actors forums in the region with a view to promoting exchange of information and experiences and enhance regional trade among IGAD member States.

Institutional matters

- **Decided** that an ad hoc committee composed of experts from the IGAD member states be formed to review those areas that were not adequately covered by the ESAMI Report on Institutional Assessment and were of

concern to some member states. The said Committee will at the same time work out modalities for the implementation of the already agreed upon areas. The report of the ad hoc Committee will be submitted to the member states through the Executive Secretary for review and advice before submitting to the next Council of Ministers.

- **Underlined** the utmost importance for member States to pay their assessed contributions and settle outstanding arrears in order to enable the Secretariat meet its obligations.

- **Mandated** IGAD Focal Ministers to take all the necessary measures to implement the decisions of the Summit and called upon the Secretariat to take all necessary measures to follow up the implementation of these decisions.

- **Welcomed** the offer by the Government of Uganda to host the next Heads of State and Government Summit.

Done in Khartoum on the 11th Day of January, 2002